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Hon. W. St. John Garwood
* Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
Austin, Texas

Dear St. John:

It is some time since we have corresponded and memories of you came to mind when I ran across the attached clipping from the Sherman Democrat which passed over my desk a few days ago. I send you a photo-stat copy and you may be amused at the last two paragraphs.

I would only add that more eminent legal talent than I attended this famous legal proceeding and as I recall, I was present only in Beaumont and not in the Sherman Court House which housed certain phases of this trial just about 20 years ago.

With all kind regards, and let me hear from you if you ever receive this.

Faithfully yours,

A. W. D.

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*Handwritten P. S.: I understand you have retired but maybe this will help the letter to reach you. A. W. D.

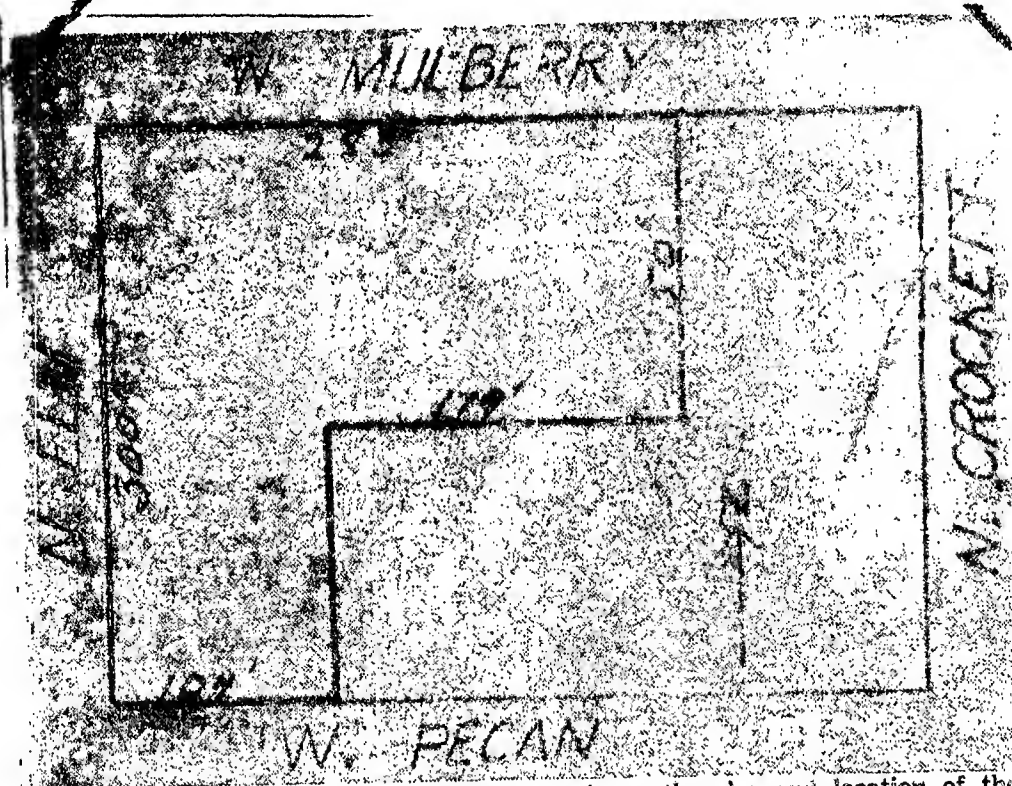
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SITE OF NEW POST OFFICE—This map shows the size and location of the site optioned for a new one-story post office building for Sherman.

Post Office Site Picked

A new United States post office building will be built in Sherman on a site in the 300 block of N. Elm St. The announcement was made Tuesday by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield through Sherman Postmaster Kyle Stone.

The site faces the municipal building property to the west across Elm street. The north boundary is W. Mulberry St., across the street to the south of the First Methodist Church and the Medical Surgical Clinic. The south boundary is W. Pecan St. There are seven different pieces

of residential property involved. The Post Office Department has optioned the land from the Steve Gremmels Realtor Agency. Under the Post Office Department's arrangement, the property will be bought and a building erected by the successful bidder from a list of contracting-development firms. The department then will lease the building from the firm, maintaining ownership.

No time was given for anticipated completion. Plans and specifications will be made available soon to prospective bidders, Stone said.

The new building will replace the present 53-year-old site of the Sherman Post Office. The office now occupies the lower floor of the three-story federal building which also houses the federal district court and other government agencies. This building was completed in 1907 at a cost of \$118,000.

Earlier the post office occupied a site where Montgomery Ward store is now located, across Pecan St. from the present location. Before that the post office stood on the site now occupied by Troy's Jack and Son Men's Store, the southwest corner of Houston and Crockett streets. The post office was established on March 8, 1847, two years after Texas joined the union.

The present post office quarters have been overcrowded for years. First effort to obtain a new building was made by Stone when he wrote to Rep. Sam Rayburn 12 years ago. Since then the Sherman Chamber of Commerce has led the efforts. During this period the late Lee Simmons did much work in an effort to obtain a new building.

There has been a U. S. District Courtroom in the building since it was constructed in 1907. The first judge was David E. Bryant, who served in the building until 1910 when he died after 20 years service as a judge in the Sherman district.

Bryant was followed by Gordon Russell until 1916 and W. L. Estes until 1931. Randolph Bryant was judge of the court from 1931 to 1951, when he died. Judge Joe W. Sheehy has been in the court office 1951.

Probably the most famous case ever tried in the building was during World War II in a squabble between the Belgian government and the Gulf Petroleum Corp. over two oil tankers.

Judge Randolph Bryant heard the case. It brought to Sherman Allen Dulles, then a U. S. attorney and now chief of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. Part of the case was heard in Sherman and part in Beaumont.